May 6, 2000

Today, I took the girls to their swimming lessons at the YMCA just like any other Tuesday. But today wasn’t like a normal Tuesday Kelli fainted in the pool! I was so scared I had to rush her to the hospital and thank God it was right down the street. The doctors had to run all kinds of tests on her because they think she may have some disease. I felt so helpless my poor baby! I couldn’t hold my tears back I was just crying in the waiting room all I wanted was Billy to be there. Oh, but my sweet little Samantha was just there holding my hand saying “It’ll be okay Mommy the people in the white coats are gonna make Kelli all better”. We still don’t know what’s wrong with Kelli but at least we got to bring her home. She has to go for more tests tomorrow but at least Billy said he’d go with us. I’m praying it’s nothing too serious.

May 7, 2000

The doctors told us that Kelli has Long QT Syndrome! They said it’s an arrhythmic disorder that could be FATAL if it’s not treated. I had never even heard of it but supposedly it’s a genetic disease so now all our kids are at risk of it. I’m so scared and nervous I wouldn’t let them go outside and play with the other kids after dinner tonight. They all have to go get tested for it now but we couldn’t get an appointment until Monday! I don’t know what to do because the doctors said exercise can lead to them fainting and even cause cardiac arrest which could kill them! Tommy has a baseball game this Saturday but how do I tell him he can’t play this weekend it’s the playoffs! I wish there was something I could do I just don’t know how to deal with this.

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I look forward to reading your next draft! ☺